

BEHIND TURKISH LOAN FUSS

FEARS THAT THE BALANCE OF POWER IS IN DANGER.

Young Turks seem to be drifting into the Triple Alliance; but France and England check off cases—Rumania—Russia—Inoculation for Colds—Society.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, Sept. 24.—Little things that occasionally arise in the complicated relations between nations sometimes engender more heat than big issues. When this happens it is usually true that the quarrel marks more serious trouble underneath.

A case in point is the matter of a trifling Turkish loan of six millions sterling, or about \$30,000,000, which has been agitating the foreign offices of France, Great Britain, Germany and Austria for months. The real issue, which can scarcely be concealed any longer, is the question whether or not the new Turkish Government intends to throw in its lot with the central Powers of Europe and become virtually a member of the Triple Alliance. Evidence that the Young Turk has decided on this policy has been and still is strong, but perhaps the situation has not passed beyond the stage where it is impossible to reconsider the design.

It goes without saying that Russia, France and Great Britain would deeply resent an important change in the general European balance of power. This sentiment naturally became vocal exasperation when Turkey coolly tried to borrow money in France and England with which to pay her German friends for new naval ships and armaments. The scheme would have been successful had not the Turks discovered to their discomfort that France, which is the creditor of all Europe, possesses exceptional means to veto any deal, which even the most independent of her financiers might desire to carry out without the consent of the Government.

In this instance the authorities forbade dealings in the proposed bonds on the Paris bourse unless the terms of the loan received governmental approval. Halki Bey, the Turkish Grand Vizier, refused these terms, which included definite assurances as to how the money would be spent and that French manufacturers of war material would receive a good share of the orders placed by Turkey.

CASSELL'S BLUNDER.
The Grand Vizier then turned to London's great financier, Sir Ernest Cassell, offering him terms which promised a profit of a million. There is good reason to believe that Cassell indicated his willingness to accept. Then there arose an outburst of indignation in the French press so bitter that it instantly proved a serious menace to the enterprise which has hitherto flourished between France and England without a breath of opposition during the past five years. The flurry lasted only twenty-four hours. The British Government could do nothing officially, but it speedily found means to bring such heavy unofficial pressure to bear upon Cassell that he abandoned the deal. Now France and England are the best of friends again and Turkey is still looking for money.

What seems difficult to understand is that Germany and Austria, which are so anxious to cement the closest bonds with Young Turkey, do not find means of supplying promptly the comparatively small sum necessary for the purpose. The stringency of the money markets at Berlin and Vienna is well known, but the object in view would be so cheap at the price that one would expect that extraordinary efforts would be made to relieve the Turkish embarrassment.

TURKEY AND RUMANIA.
It is now known that the reported alliance of Turkey and Rumania does not extend beyond an agreement of the latter Power to mobilize on the Bulgarian frontier in case of war between Turkey and Bulgaria, with presumably a reciprocal Turkish promise to Rumania's advantage. It is because the closest relations exist between Rumania, Germany and Austria that special significance attaches to this agreement.

There is general commiseration felt toward Russia amidst these complications. She is most of all the great Powers concerned in Balkan developments, and yet her interests are scarcely considered, and she is only incidentally consulted even by her ally France. The Kaiser openly flouted his great Eastern neighbor this week when in his "shining armor" speech he boasted of how he had driven Russia from the field in the Austro-Bosnian crisis.

The Russians have long memories, however, and when her temporary paralysis caused by her lack of military and financial resources has passed away, St. Petersburg will no longer be ignored, as she is to-day.

Apout on which St. Petersburg is anxiously seeking enlightenment is whether Rumania has bound herself to support Turkey in case of war with Greece. This would probably mean that such a war would soon be undertaken with the approval of the central Powers, but no evidence to support this theory is yet forthcoming.

INOCULATION FOR COLDS.
Several big London hospitals recently began to extensively practise prophylactic inoculation against colds. It consists in injecting hypodermically a few million dead bacilli. The first step is to find to what particular group of germs the patient is most susceptible. In the lungs of one person pneumococci may be the cause, in another the bacillus of catarrh and in a third streptococci.

"We manufacture the serum from some of a patient's own germs," said one of the physicians to-day. "Specimens are obtained and carefully isolated and grown to the required numbers. They are then killed by heat and millions of them injected into the patient's system. There they develop an antitoxin which temporarily at least prevents the patient from being attacked by similar germs."

"If the person is in perfectly good health we try to obtain samples of the germs most likely to attack him by taking cultures from the throat and nose. Cold microbes often lurk in the nasal passages and about the tonsils for months after the original attack, only waiting until a chill or physical strain temporarily lowers immunity so that they suddenly multiply and cause fresh colds. By being inoculated with the preventive serum the patient may often be rendered immune to colds throughout the winter."

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